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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

There is much soul searching and conscience sharpening throughou the United States today because we are fighting a war and it is beginning to hurt. This prenomenon is being constantly demonstrated in many ways. There is the man for instance, who gave $5 last year to the Red Cross, which was five times the sum given the year before. He now finds that his conscience hurts him not to multiply the sum again by five this year. He finds his conscience hurts him far more than the stinging injury to his pocket nerve. What made this usually conservative citizen, just a trifle on the "tight" side, change his mind? Well, we wouldn't know, but perhaps he heard a marine telling what a good job the Red Cross was doing for the wounded in Fort Moresby.

Having given $25, or what ever the sum, and withstood the tingling pain of parting therewith, this citizen begins to take an interest in the destination and the service performed by his contribution. He begins to read the lists of those missing in action, those killed in action, and notes the names of those who are invalided home. When he thinks of the years lost by those lads that do survive the battle, and careers often lost by those who are maimed for life, he concludes that he hasn't done anywhere near enough yet and makes another trip to the Red Cross office and doubles the last contribution. That's one kind of soul searching.

Then there is the man or (woman) who just wouldn't take the trouble to go to the polls on election day. Suddenly he notes things in Washington that don't sound well. Under laws passed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt's congress, the Supreme Court has ruled, in effect that because it is a union organization, teamsters may lie in wait within the city boundaries of New York and stick up visiting truckmen. The visiting truckman bringing in their loads must pay the local union truckman, a fancy price for the privilege of making the delivery. Your negligent voter, then he reads about this is filled with righteous indignation, but when he has twinge of conscience. He failed to vote. So his conscience begins to hurt him. He kept out of politics, he and perhaps another million like him, and let George do the voting. Now this kind of thing happens.

Then there was "a certain rich man," not the kind the Bible speaks of, but a man responsible to thousands of stockholders, who owned a big business. For years he had put money behind a representative in congress to keep him there because this congressman always brought home the bacon, fat bacon. One morning he woke up early and had a little time to do some thinking. He had hated for instance the entrance of government into big business. Such as huge dams for generating power and selling it at prices that undercut the government's competitors, the private power companies. Yet this congressman had voted for all those projects. Why? Well in order to bring home a million dollars worth of bacon, this congressman had had to vote for a billion dollars worth of bacon which his fellow congressmen took home. And the costs of all these government projects, a government bent on invading the realm of private enterprise, were reflected in huge taxes. The rich man began to think he had not been so very smart, and when he thought of all the taxes his congressman had cost his friends, some of them, not rich, his conscience began to hurt him.

Just now of stentorian calls ring to heaven for women in industry, women in the army, the navy and last, the marines. In many cases this will mean that children of tender years will be deprived of their mother's care just when they need it most. Day nurseries of course

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Red Cross War Fund Chairman Bennetts Completes Organization

War Fund Chairman R. J. Bennetts, anounces the completion of the organization for the 1943 War Fund Drive to start Monday, March 1st, with the following personnel: District Deer Creek to Town Talk, Mayor Benj. Hall, Advisor; District North of Deer Creek and to the Yuba River, F. F. Cassity, Advisor; District Town Talk Ridge and Glenbrook, Claude Ferguson, Advisor.

These three gentlemen, together with Mr. E. C. Uren form the Advisory Board, and will advise the volunteer solicitors on any question of doubt.

E. C. Uren has prepared maps of the seven districts of Nevada City.

Following is a list of the outside districts and their respective leaders.

Birchville, North San Juan, French Corral, and Sweetland will be covered by Mrs. Frank B. Reader, Arthur O'Connor and Mrs. Holland.

Columbia Hill, Cherokee and Tyler—Miss Bridget Mahoney and Miss Georgia English.

Spaulding and Bear Valley—Miss Renee Caine.

North Bloomfield — Mrs. Chas. Gaus.

Graniteville—Postmaster Travis.

Washington—Mrs. John Crowley.

Willow Valley — Mrs. Theodore Nelson and Mrs. Chas. Genasci.

Indian Flat—Mrs. Gladys Waechter.

Gold Flat—Mrs. Austin Boreham.

Cement Hill—Miss Alice Moore.

And, all the volunteers who served last year.

A pre-drive meeting has been arranged for at the Nevada City Elementary School Library Room for 2:30 p. m. Thursday, February 25, where all volunteer workers will be given instructions, supplies and new Red Cross emblems for 1943 in order that every home in Nevada Chapter District will be enabled to display in a window as evidence of membership and contribution to the 1943 War Fund.

Chairman Bennetts said yesterday: "It is hoped that no home will be missed or overlooked in this canvass. If, however, any man, woman or child has not been solicited, the War Fund chairman, R. J. Bennetts, request that the donation be made at the Red Cross Production Headquarters in the Schmidt Bldg. on Broad street, at the Union offic or the Nugget office, or the Bank of America.

"The need for money this year is greater than ever before in the history of the American Red Cross. The quota for Nevada City Chapter is $5,100. Our quota for last year was $2,600. and with the reduced population the burden falls heavier upon us, so please double or quardruple your last year's donation, or give as much as you possibly can. Some of our citizens who gave $25 last year are giving $100 this year. This enlarged contribution of money is necessary in order that we shall not fail to meet our quota.

"Many of our boys are in the armed forces, and we must meet their every need. The American Red Cross is a mercy organization and is supported entirely by good will and voluntary offerings and your contribution is an expression of a desire to give aid wherever it is needed."

SCOUTERS WILL HEAR ORRIN LOWELL TONIGHT

Nevada City Scouters will have an opportunity to hear Attorney Orrin Lowell of Auburn at a dinner meeting scheduled for this evening. Mr. Lowell ,well known in Nevada City, where he has often appeared will bring an interesting story to the men of this city tonight. He has long been an enthusiastic scouter and is a speaker of wide spread fame.

The meeting tonight is sponsored by the Nevada City district of the Tahoe Area council, and will start at 6:15 p. m. at the National Hotel. Men of Nevada City and vicinity are invited to attend.

Besides Mr. Lowell, Robert Frank, Scout executive of the Tahoe Council, James R. Johnson, president of the council and Judge Jones will appear on the program.

Local scouters responsible for the meeting are Guerdon Ellis, Horace Curnow, H. E. Kjorlie, Merle Morrison, Fred Anderson, Lloyd Geist, Andy Larsen, Al Bates, James Rafferty and Carroll Coughlan.

DR. TOBIAS WILL SERVE OAKLAND WAR INDUSTRIES

Dr. S. Fritz Tobias, Grass Valley physician, has been called by the Procurement and Assignment Service for Physicians to join the staff of Dr. Henry J. Lund of Oakland for the duration. The group of physicians which he will join is engaged mainly in caring for industrial workers.

Dr. Tobias came to Grass Valley from San Francisco in 1935 and has been active in civic affairs. Due to his age he is unable to serve in the armed forces and considers this next best chance to aid war effort. His son Gerd Tobias, recently won the honor of membership in the Phi Beta Kappa scholastic society at the University of California in his junior year. His wife, Dr. Paula Tobias will remain here. The family reside on Town Talk.

ADULT CLASSES POPULAR IN G. V. HIGH SCHOOL

Adult education has received a boost in Grass Valley since evening classes were established in the high school on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It is a center for defense train ing the air raid wardens hold sessions on those evenings, sturying fire and bomb control, first aid, and organization for emergencies.

Popular also is the canteen and canteen aid courses sponsored by the Red Cross. This group will handle the food for both soldiers and civilians in event of an emergency.

Typing classes have attracted many men and women, anxious to fit themselves for office and clerical work in defense plants. Wood work and metal shop crafts have enrolled men and women who often bring household appliances to their classes to make repairs.

The school board recently authorized a new course in producing and processing food. Courses in poultry raising and gardening are also available.

SOLDIERS MARCH WITH PACKS IN THIS AREA

Camp Beale soldiers are being given their hardening exercises in this area. The younger officers and their commands roll into Grass Valley and Nevada City and set out for overnight objectives, which involves marching with full equipment and bivouacing for the night, Several platoons arrive in the big army trucks in jeeps and other vehicles, and set off into the hills. One group spent the night on a ranch, and another camped out on Nevada City's airport. Arrangements are usually made in advance for these excursions.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mitchell were called to San Diego on receipt of a message her mother was critically ill. They left Friday. Mitchell is engineer for the Tahoe National forest.

Boy Scouts to Hold Court of Honor Friday Night

A court of honor for Boy Scout Troop No. 25, will be held tomorrow evening in the scout lodge at Pioneers park. They will receive tenderfoot, second class and first class rankings and badges for projects completed.

Nine Busy Girls Make 1500 Surgical Dressings

During the Washington Birthday holidays, nine high school girls engaged industriously in making Red Cross surgical dressings. They piled a record of 1500 in total working hours of 39 1-2. The girls are Helen Butz, Barbara Penrose, Lotus Wales, Marion Edwards, Virginia Bonebrake, Danna Woolsey, Mary Hawkins and Martha Innis.

Wedding Dinner Tendered Walter Scadden and Bride

Following their marriage in Reno February 23rd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scadden were tendered a dinner here by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Darke, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom.

Scadden is the son of County Assessor Phillip G. Scadden and is now employed in the McClelland Air depot near Sacramento. His bride was formerly Miss Mamie Walker of Sacramento.

Mrs. Nettie Knotwell, Born in Bloomfield, Dead

Relatives here have been apprised of the death of Mrs. Nettie Marie Knotwell in Butte county. Mrs. Knotwell, 83 years old, was the daughter of the late James G. Knotwell, who conducted a drug store in the early, prosperous days of Bloomfield.

The deceased removed to Butte county many years ago. Her last visit here was in 1942. A stepdaughter, Mrs. Jessie B. McKinley lives in the Indian Flat section.

Miss Gertrude Wilde Becomes U. S. O. Hostess

Miss Gertrude Wilde former stenographer in the county recorder's office now in the employ of the Fidelity Title Insurance company in Sacramento, spent the past week end in Nevada City with her parents. Recently she was chosen with a group of other young women as a USO hostess by the Sacramento Civilian Defense Council. She may act in this capacity in any USO club in the state according to the permit.

Little Factories of Northern California in War Business

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—More than 200 "little manuacturers" in Northern California handled $3,155,-104 in contracts for war products of all types during the four months ending January 30, according to a report made public here this week.

Average small contract for the district was $15,000 according to the Smaller War Plants Division of the War Production Board.

To move all plants with idle facilities into war production, operators of such plants are urged to mail up-to-date information regarding their organizations to the nearest WPB office, one of which is located in San Fancisco.

Probation Violator is Lodgd in Jail

Milton Markham, as a result of violating terms of his parole, is lodged in the county jail here. A little over a year ago, Markham was arrested for robbing the Public Market just outside the Grass Valley city limits on the Auburn highway, of assorted stock of liquors. He was convicted but owing to his tubercular condition he was placed on probation and sent to the hospital at Weimar. Recently he disappeared from Weimar and Judge George L. Jones issued a bench warrant for his arrest. He was found Monday in "Taylorville" a setlement on the outskirts of Grass Valley.

At the time of his arrest on a charge of burglary, Markham's kindly old dog lead the peace officers to the cache on the hillside above his cabin, where he had concealed the liquor looted from the Public Market.

Mrs. H. F. Shaw, secretary of the Elementary PTA, states that the meeting scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, has been postponed due to the rationing program until the 2:30 o'clock March 5, in the auditorium of the elementary school. At that time the PTA will entertain the wives of army personnel.

Tributer System in Mining Involved in Empire-Star Suit

In the Superior Court Tuesday with Judge George L. Jones presiding, the case of the Empire Star Mining company versus the California Employment Commission, was heard, in which the right of the defendant to collect social security and unemployment insurance taxes on amounts paid to "leasers" or "tributers", under contract is involved.

Representing the mining company were Robert M. Searls, of San Francisco, and Lynne Kelly of Grass Valley. The California Employment Commission was represented by Clarence A. Linn, deputy attorney general, and Miss Doyle, appeared as an attorney for the commission.

The amount of money involved was not relatively large, only $1,950, but the principle, which the mining company is seeking to establish, effects a system as old as the mining industry in California. Under the system, tributers, as they were called in the early days, took a contract to break out ore. Tools were furnished by the mine owners, but the tributer was free to work within a prescribed underground area, and the mine owner and the leaser, as now usually designated, shared the gold after it was milled under the terms set forth in the contract. In the case presented, according to the Empire-Star's complaint, leaser and owner shared the proceeds on a fifty-fifty basis.

The company declares that its tributors, or leasors, are independent contractors, and that it is not liable for social security taxes or unemployment insurance payments. Each year since 1939 the company has paid these taxes under protest at the same time filing suit lor recovery. Linn, for the commission maintained that the leasors were in reality employees.

No witnesses were called for the State Employment commisson.

The Empire-Star Mines company placed three witnesses on the stand in support of its complaint. They were Robert Hendricks, superintendent of Gray Eagle, John R. C. Mann, superintendent of Empire Sta, and I. J. Bernard, auditor. They described the relationship between contractors and the company. It was stated that an independent contract who undertakes to mine a certain area or a certain tonnage in the property and hires his own men. The company exercises no supervision over him. The ore is broken down brought to the surface and sent through the mill, separate from company ores, and proceeds are divided according to a ratio agreed upon. This varies in different mines with the character and value of the ore. But most of the Empire-Star contracts were on a fifty-fifty basis.

In support of his contention Attorney Linn cited a case decided many years ago by Judge Niles Searls, grandfather of Robert M. Searls, when he was superior court judge of Nevada County. However, Robert Searls pointed out that in the case cited, the Genesee Mining company, defendant in a suit brought by leasors, had disavowed its contract. The contract had been signed by the manager of the company, not by the president, did not bear the company's seal, and for various reasons the company desired to welch on its contract. Judge Niles Searls ruled that if there was no contract of the tributer type, there was a contract of employment and decided in favor of the mine workers, who thought they had a valid lease.

Robert Searls called attention to the form of contract under which leasors now mine which has been held valid in many decisions.

At the conclusion of the hearing yesterday, Searls, submitted the same brief he submitted in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that the Empire Star Mines company need not pay unemployment and social security taxes upon money paid to leasers under contract.

Attorney Lynn called attention to various subtefuges now employed to evade these taxes. He mentioned beer wagon drivers who each day loaded up with a number of cases, sold them, collected the money and retained a commission, turning back to the brewery at night the unsold beer.

Searls stated he had no doubt that many devices were employed to escape the payment of these taxes, but that as long as the mining industry in California had existed, the system of independent contractors to develop mining ground had been customary. "This system existed long before social security and unemployment insurance were dreamed of", said Searls.

The court granted 30 days in which the state may file a brief in answer to that filed by Searls and another 30 days in which Searls may reply.

NEW PEAK FOR SHIPMENTS BY THE RED CROSS

One of the largest shipments of sewn and knitted garments by Nevada City's Red Cross chapter was sent off this week under the direction of Mrs. Art Innis. The sewing for refugees and civilians was sent to the Red Cross warehouse in Ogden, Utah. It consisted of thirty women's night gowns, 30 bed jackets, 94 pieces of childrens pajamas, 5 women's blouses, 30 boys woolen shorts, ten pairs of socks and three sweaters.

The knttted garments were largely for the navy and 47 were sent to various depots where the need for certain garments was urgent. Nevada City knitters will be interested to learn that from February 1, 1942 to February 1, 1943, 605 gadments were made here and shipped. This was for army, navy and civilian uses.

Mrs. Innis now reports that 125 pounds of army wool is on its way here, to be made into sleeveless sweaters, helmets, gloves and wristlets. Mrs. H. P. Davis has volunteered to make the whole allotment of 100 gloves. As soon as this shipment arrives a notice will be published. It has been designated as emergency allotment and speed is urged. The sewing consists of men's pajamas and hospital supplies. The local quota has been accepted here. One hundred bedside bags must be financed and made, 25 cushions, 50 cushion covers, and 100 unfilled kit bags are also assigned. The work on lap covers under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Farmer is also progressing rapidly.

There is still a need for clean woolen matreials to help fill out these covers. A new project is soon to start, to make bed slippers for hospital patients. Carpet, canvas or other heavy materials, for soles are needed. Anyone who has such materials can leave them at the Red Cross sewing room. More women can use the room on Tuesday and help is much needed.

Mrs. Innis says: "Surely between the surgical dressings rooms in the Red Cross sewing room on Broad street there is ample opportunity for every woman in town to help." The kits are going forward rapidly and there are cigarettes on hand for 125 of them. There 75 completed and the others can be completed as soon as the shipments of cigarettes arrive.

During the Red Cross War Fund drive next week, the Red Cross room will function as headquarters and will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day with some one in attendance. The other work will go forward as usual.

BUCKSKIN RED CROSS JACKETS MADE IN MODOC

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Modoc County Red Cross Chapter sent to San Francisco for a leather jacket, the kind the Red Cross Production Corps has been turning out for the armed forces. They are made of old leather pocketbooks.

San Francisco workers sent back a jacket. Alturas workers returned the sample, plus 60 jackets patterned after it, and the notation that 60 more were in production.

Wrote the Modoc chapter: "We live in a hunter's paradise, so our jackets are made of whole deerskins. We hope they are satisfactory."

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CURE FOR SKEPTICISM

Men who think too much (of themselves) and work too little—men who drink too much and dine too well, and who over-indulge in introspection—often develop a vice which is a by-product of all their other vices. We call it skepticism. Soon they have convinced themselves that they are members of the "lost generation"—and then some of them, certain that they are thwarted as no generation before them, start writing bad books and maudlin magazine articles about it. We had quite an epidemic of this sort of half-baked skepticism during the 1920's and 30's, when the mental and moral hangver of World War I was aggravated by the bad liquor of the prohibition era, and we sprouted another "lost generation" during the drab days of depression.

Danger, sweat and a brush with harsh reality are the best known cures for this sort of cynicism, which is born of toxic tissues and self-pity, and so it is not surprising to have Edward Weeks, the editor of Atlantic Monthly, tell us that the war is doing marvelous things in ridding America of synthetic skepticism. The American reading public, declared Mr. Weeks during a visit in California last week, is dropping its attitude of studied skeptical sophistication and is demanding more narrative with "blood and guts." And strangely enough, out of the travail of death and bloodshed is coming a new, healthy idealism. A soldier on Guadalcanal said somewhat the same thing—out of experience in battle, instead of out of a study of the people's reading habits—when he declared, "There are no atheists in foxholes."

It is regrettable, of course, that it took a world holocaust to cure our "lost generation" complex—and to make us realize that each generation must work out its own salvation. But it is good to know, now when millions of men are dying for us, that we, at home, are being given a new birth of idealism, a better sense of values—and the courage to live and work, with faith in ourselves and our destiny.

CALIFORNIA HAS POWER!

In an abnormal, war-geared, peak-consumption period, when shortages are the rule rather than the exception, and when we are faced with a constantly increasing list of rationed commodities, the announcement by President Franck Havenner of the State Railroad Commission that California has an ample supply of electric power for both war and civilian needs is significant, indeed.

The engines of war are demanding a greatly increased power load, the commissioner's engineers report, with scores of new war industries and a stepped up tempo in all industrial production drawing heavily on the state's supply of electric energy. Many war industries, during 1942 jumped from one-shift operations to two or three shifts per day, but California's giant powerhouse was ready for the emergency. As a result there will be no rationing of electricity for hoe, farm, business, or factory.

That is good news for the householder, rationed on so many other things; for the farmer, striving to meet the government's sharply increased production quotas—and, most important of all, for California's vital war plants, where facilities can be expanded to meet the nation's needs without any fear of a shortage of power to keep the wheels moving.

Giving credit where credit is due, the main reason we are not confronted with a critical power shortage in California is that the power industry looked into the future and practiced long-time planning. The management of Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison and our other power companies had the foresight to build new generating plants, and to schedule others, ahead of either normal or abnormal demands, so that in this field, at least, we were not caught short with "too little, too late." Daylight saving and dim-outs, to be sure, partially offset the increased demands of war industries, but the real reason we are not rationed on electricity is that private enterprise planned ahead. That's worth remembering!

A HOBO SELLS BONDS

We noted a little news item the other day, reporting that Jeff Davis, "King of the Hoboes," is still going strong, selling war bonds. Last year, he sold $2,000,000 worth of bonds—and now he has started on a country-wide tour, commissioned by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to stir up bond buyers throughout the nation. In World War I, we recall, this strange man, who reigns supreme as a ruler of the Knights of the Road, sold Liberty Bonds to the tune of $20,000,000, and he now hopes to beat that record in World War II. Equally important, as a result of his patriotic effort, thousands of hoboes—too proud to work, but not too proud to fight—have quite the road, temporarily, to shoulder a rifle for their country in its hour of need.

Fighting is hard, dangerous work—and we may wonder, at first, that our nomads of the highways and the railroad rights-of-way should voluntarily give up following the sun to go to war. But Jeff Davis sees nothing odd about it. Hoboes, he says, enjoy more of human liberty during normal times than any of their fellow Americans. By defying conventions and resisting the pull of money bought luxuries, they have freed themselves from the treadmill of labor and social responsibility. They demanded more freedom than others, he says; therefore, they have more reason to fight for it.

There is a certain amount of logic in that, even though most of us have no desire to join the errant knights of the great open spaces. But what it really boils down to is that while each of us may have a little different concept of liberty, we are all fighting to remain the masters of our own destiny. In that the banker and the farmer and the King of Hoboes are all just fellow Americans.

HEY!

WAVES AND SPARS NEED RECRUITS

E. F. Freeman, recruiter in charge of the Yuba City Navy recruiting station, was advised today by Lieut. Tova L. Peterson of the Women's Naval Reserve that young women who enlist in the Waves and Spars during the next two weeks will have an opportunity to attend famous Hunter College, the highly rated girls' school in New York City.

The Waves and Spars will be given approximately four months of schooling. Following this course, those having aptitude for technical work and applying for it will be sent to the great navy trade schools.

At Hunter College, the girls will live in domitories and navy cooks will prepare their meals. They will have a busy study schedule, but frequenty will have evenings off for recreation.

During training, the Waves and Spars will be paid their regular salaries. Each recruit also will be given $200 cash for purchase of her uniforms and other clothing.

LAWYERS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN WAR EFFORT

More than 150 members of the State Bar of California are employed in war plants of the state as journeymen and helpers, as part of a war service program in which 4729 California lawyers already have volunterer, the State Bar announced today.

The 150 production workers, ranging in age from 29 to 72 ,are working full swing and graveyard shifts, while continuing their daytime legal practice. Volunteer workers are peraid for service men and their famforming such services as free legal ilies, duty as airplane spotters, Red Cross and War Bond speakers, gasoline rationing appeal agents, draft board members and appeal agents, blood donors, crop workers during harvests and other work.

To widen patriotic war work opportunities for lawyers and the State Bar has completed part-time work arrangements with the United States Employment Service and individual war plants for lawyers who cannot devote a full nightly shift to war production.

Under a "partnership plan," two lawyers work the same shift on alternate nights. Under a "week end plan," lawyers put in two or three shifts from Friday night to Monday. More than 1200 lawyers have expressed active interest in participating in these plans, in addition to the many who are already doing so. The courts of some communities have agreed to hold sessions at hours convenient for the great number of night war workers in California, as well as the lawyers working night shifts.

Frank B. Belcher of Los Angeles, president of the State Bar, pointed out that as the younger members of the legal profession are entering the armed services, increasing numbers of older men are being encouraged by the State Bar to undertake the extra work on the home and factory fronts.

The State Bar of California is an official agency created by law to administer the affairs of the legal profession in California, sharing with the courts responsibility for the administration of justice in this state. All lawyers admitted to practice in California are members.

PENSION SURVEY TO SHED LIGHT ON ACTUAL NEED

By LLOYD LAPHAM

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25.—(UP)—A systematic survey of California's pension problem is something that has been needed for a long time. Too many wishful thinkers and profiteers have been active in recent years. So Governor Warren appointed a citizens committee to make recommendations on proposed legislation covering the subject.

Governor Warren told committeemen he felt the pension rate, although now the highest in the nation should be increased to offset an increase in the high cost of living. He asked a report within 30 days if possible and hoped that the group would "be able to eliminate those political considerations which so often have confused discussions of pension matters."

The committee of 17 was widely representative of all groups with an interest in pensions. Individual members were chosen by groups rather than Warren, headed by Chairman Ralph T. Fisher, of Oakland, vice president of the American Trust company, director of the state department of institutions in 1921-22, and former member of the state commission on pensions.

It begins to look like 20 per cent of the state's automobiles are staying in the garage these days because of the rubber shortage and other restrictions. Director of Motor Vehicles Gordon Garland estimated that motor car registrations would drop off about one-fifth although a heavy volume of mailed applications made it difficult to estimate accurately.

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MEETING OF PTA IS POSTPONED

The state planning board met during the week and studied a suggestion by Chairman Samuel M. May of the University of California that the members resign to give the governor a free hand to appoint persons of his own choosing to work out post-war plans.

The board is concerned with long range plans for development of natural resources and for state construction and all five members are Olson appointees. Several members objected to the resignation idea, however, and no action was taken. First of the three year terms expire next January.

The state board of agriculture suggested more coordination was needed between federal farm employment and training services to avoid repetition of heavy crop losses because of manpower shortages. The board heard from the California crop reporting service that at least $6,100,000 in crops last year was lost through these shortages.

Shortage of personnel has delayed the sending out of the V-tags to motorists.

A Challenge—
And an Opportunity

To feed the fighting forces, California farmers are asked to produce more than ever in 1943.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

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are an answer but, frankly, not a very good answer. But many a woman, who considers this demand for her patriotic services outside the home may well consider bitterly the blunders and political malingering of those who run the government.

Ship building corporations that hoard men, keep them on the payroll doing nothing more important than swatting flies, in case they may be needed. Young men who have ducked into various war industries to avoid selective service. Union men who insist on their featherbed jobs even in war time, such as provided by California's brakemen law that prescribes so many brakemen to every train whether they are needed or not. Musicians who get paid or "stand-by service whenever a high school band plays. Union men who strike or higher wages when they are already getting five or six times the wages of soldiers or sailors.

An intelligent woman about to enter a war industry, or the Waves, the Spars, or the Waacs, will probably think of these things before she gives up her business of maintaining a home, but probably has, being intelligent, will nevertheless take the job because she loves her country more than she detests the traitorous masculine scum and the slackers who put the brakes on our national war effort. But she will highly resolve in her own heart that she will vote to oust that congressman who gave these yellow offscourings their legal refuge.

FRENCH WOMEN AVOID POLITICS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Commenting on a published report that the women of France, after the war, will claim political recognition and opportunities, Capt. Paul Jerigord, veteran of the last war, casts a doubt upon the prediction, contrasting the French woman with the more businesslike types of America and England.

"The French woman does not wish to be the rival of man," said Capt. Perigord, "but would rather remain, as in the past, his inspiration and comfort. She prefers, intsead of vigorously asserting her individuality in the political and economic fields, to concentrate upon the molding of the judgment of the family as a group. She instinctively shuns the masculine role. She prefers to see her husband and her son succeed rather than to win applause and success for herself. She idealizes her menfolk rather than man in the abstract, and would rather yield her potential place in public life than abstruct their careers."

"It may be that after the present social crisis, a larger number of French women than heretofore will seek to vote, but it is dificult to picture the average woman of France as very active in politics. As one of them cleverly remarked one day, "The French woman is too certain of her power to have it officially acknowledged."

Dr. Perigord is prfessor of French civilization at the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

Former Nevada City Man Guest of Rotary

Clyde Morriso, food rationing specialist of the office of Price Administation was the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Rotary Club today. Jack Osborne, in charge of OPA locally has arranged the pro-OPAlocally arranged the program and was charman for the day.

While Mr. Morrison is from the San Francisco office, his family was formerly located here. His father was a local printer many years ago. Morrison has just finished the job of supervising rental registrations for Alameda county. Geo. Calanan, city clerk and local OPA official will also be a guest of the Rotary club.

POSTWAR HIGHWA PLAN TO COST 70 MILLIONS

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 22.—(UP)—A 70 million dollar postwar program to modernize state highways and to absorb possible unemployed is envisioned by Charles H. Purcell, director of state public works.

The program, which calls for an immediate appropriation of $10,000,000 to prepare plans and acquire the rights of way, would fall into three types of improvement:

1. Work on rural major traffic arteries now deferred because of federal restrictions on materials, equipment and manpower.
2. Bridges and structures requiring reconstruction.
3. Major highway developments leading into and through metropolitan areas.

Preparation now, including the purchasing of rights of way, would greatly facilitate immediate beginning of the work after the war, Purcell said. He pointed out that funds now available for such groundwork are limited.

"Readiness with plans and rights of way at the time hostilities cease means that immediate employment can be provided for workers released from war industries and for returning service men," he said.

"Projects are located generally where unemployment will exist, with particular emphasis on the areas of large employment where the adjustment period may be particularly sevvere."

Estimates of projected spending in various cities included: Los Angeles $1,300,000; Oakland $300,000; San Francisco $2,410,000; Sacramento $1,625,000 and San Diego $500,000.

Farewell Surprise Party for Mrs. Al Williams

Mrs. Al Williams was given a farewell party at her home on Park avenue Tuesday evening when several friends called to enjoy cards and refreshments. The friends came in a group taking her completely by surprise. Cards were played with prizes going to Mrs. Annie Browning, Mrs. Ed Martine and Neita Williams. Those invited were Mrs. Annie Browning, Mrs. Minnie Young, Mrs. Clara Phillips, Mrs. Nance Jones, Mrs. Ed Baker, Mrs. C. J. Tobiassen, Mrs. Ed Martine, all of Nevada City, Mrs. Leila Shaughnessy Langdon and mother in law of Grass Valley. Mrs. Al Williams and children expect to leave soon to reside in Albany near where her husband is employed in war work.

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Sunday school at 10 a. m. Bring the children. Preaching service a 11 a. m. Organ prelude, Mrs. Charles Kitts. Special musical selection Sermon "Surrendered Lives," pastor This is Dedication Week in all Methodist churches in America.

Youth Fellowship Group will meet at 6 p. m. All the young people are cordially invited. Preaching service at 7 p. m. Ten minutes of song service led by the young people under the leadership of Mrs. Hoyle. Sermon "Fishers of Men," pastor. Come and bring your friends.

Week events: The Priscilla Circle will meet Wednesday at 2 p. m. All members and friends are cordially invited. Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30. Come and help us in our Easter music.

"HOT AND SWEET" IN AFRICA

Louis V. LeDuc, former band leader, and now for three years in the U. S. Army, according to letters received by relatives in Grass Valley, is playing the "hot and sweet" on his trumpet or saxophone, for General Eisenhower's troops in North Africa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis LeDuc of Empire street, Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Patsy Morris of Forest spent Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Al Williams and family of Park avenue.

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McNUTT SITS ON VERY HOT SPOT

By CLEM WHITAKER

Congress, it is now becoming apparent, plans to take a hand in coping with the nation's critical manpower problem—and there are likely to be repercussions which will echo the length and breadth of the country, with War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt occupying the hottest seat in the land.

McNutt himself touched off congressional rebellion when he announced that dependency would be abolished as a ground for draft deferment and that the heads of families, if employed in non-essential work, would be taken into the armed forces ahead of single or childless men engaged in war industries. Congress, according to current indications, will countermand that order, despite the combined protests of the Army and Navy and McNutt, and probably will enact legislation definitely setting down the order in which men are to be drafted.

Manpower Chief McNutt's announced plan for a nation-wide labor draft to provide workers for essential industries, while it may continue to be used for some time as a threat to high pressure men into shifting to war industries, is also doomed to die a-borning, Washington experts predict. Congress, in this instance, is not opposed to the principle of drafting labor, if it becomes necessary, but it would undoubtedly kick over the traces and prohibit use of the labor draft if the Roosevelt administration attempted to require men so drafted to join labor unions. And if the administration didn't insist on drafted workers paying initiation fees and dues to the various unions in each industry, the labor movement would fight the plan bitterly. Either way, McNutt would have a tough nut to crack—and the concensus of opinion is that, despite his name, he isn't that good a nut-cracker.

Another condition which has congress steamed up is the asserted waste of manpower, due to featherbed labor enactments, and to overloading of government payrolls. Interstate Commerce Commssion has acted in one instance by suspending the operation of train-limit bills for the duration, but in California and some other states there are still Full Crew Laws, requiring unneeded brakemen on freight trains. If action isn't taken by the various legislatures to suspend laws of this type which are wasting badly needed man power, congress is expected to intervene.

The government's asserted hoarding of manpower has come under direct and vigorous attack from Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, who recently charged: "The federal government is the chief offender in the waste and hoarding of manpower in America." There are now, Senator Byrd pointed out, more than three million civilian employes on federal payrolls whereas in the last war the government got along with a mere 900,000. And that summarizes some of the reasons that congress intends to take a hand in the manpower situation.

Examiners of Drivers to Visit Small Towns

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 25.—(UP)—Gordon Garland, state director of motor vehicles, today announced he was planning an extended drivers license examination service to save the time and tires of applicants for licensse.

Garland said he believed that the residents of smaller California towns should not be forced to drive 40 or 50 miles in some cases in order to take drivers' tests. The department now gives examinations in many larger towns, but in the less populous counties examiners usually are available only at the county seat.

The tentative plan, Garland said, is to have a number of traveling driving examiners who would spend two or three days a month in each town in their areas. The sessions in the smaller towns, he said, would be given adequate advertising.

Snow Conditions in High Sierras Improving

Returning from an overnight trip to Gold Lake, Sierra county, Leland Smith, assistant supervisor in charge of grazing, and Marc Edmond, fire assistant, report that the snow at the shelter hut is almost 8 feet deep. While the moisture content was lower than last year it is believed that the present rain storm, which in the higher altitudes frequently changes to snow, will greatly improve this condition.

Gold Lake is approximately at the same altitude, 7000 feet, as is the summit at Emgrant Gap. Reports from the summit indicate snow conditions in the high Sierras are improving.

Truckee Deputy Brings Two Men to County Jail

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Dolley of Truckee, on complaint of Mrs. Edith F. Fay of the Riverside hotel there, went to Reno Sunday morning and arrested L. G. Mitchell on a charge of passing fictitious checks. Mitchell waived extradition proceedings and was taken to Nevada City and lodged in the county jail. He will have a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace C. E. Smith in Truckee. Dolley stated that while in Reno he learned that Mitchell had completed a 30 day sentence in jail there for the same offence, only ten days before his arrest on the Truckee complaint.

Dolley also lodged in the Nevada county jail for investigation, Byron Lee Hazel, who failed to produce his draft registration card. Hazel was picked up in Truckee and following investigation by the FBI is now being held for U. S. marshall in Sacramento.

SAILOR RETURNS TO DUTY

Jack Burns, seaman second class, returned to his dutes at Farragut, Idaho, after a visit in Nevada City with his sisters, Miss Azelia Burns, Mrs. Herbert Costa and Miss Betty Burns. A letter received from him Tuesday stated he had gone to Ames, Iowa to enter training as an electrician and will be there three months. He enlisted in the navy September 24th.

Miss Julia Garrison, formerly with the Tamblyn Insurance firm in this city, is now employed in office work in Alameda.

Mrs. Jim Robinson came up from Albany to visit for a time with her son, Herbert Costa and family. With the arrival of a baby boy a few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Costa now have three sons.

Mrs. Bud Hutton and three daughters of Goodyears Bar spent Tuesday in Nevada City visiting relatives and attending to business affairs.

Personal

Ed Powell, radio man first class, who enlisted in the U. S. navy several months ago, returned during the past week end from San Diego. Due to injuries he received while in service he has received a medical discharge from the U. S. naval hospital in San Diego. He is recovering from the injuries.

Paul Jurkovich, employed in war work in the bay area, came up the past week end and returned with his wife on Sunday. They will reside in Burlingame. Their two children will remain here with relatives until school is completed.

Jack Kennedy, with the navy at San Diego, is home on leave. He is a brother of Reg Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen spent Friday in Sacramento attending to business affairs and visiting Allen's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. Howe.

Mrs. Gladys Jones, local nurse, received a letter from her son, Lacy, Jr., Friday stating he had arrived in Seattle on furlough. He has been at sea for some time.

Mrs. Lester Hubbard received a call from her husband Sunday. He has been in the Merchant Marine two months. He is now stationed at Avalon.

Miss Charlotte Guenther and friend, Miss Virginia Sherman, students at San Jose state college who spent the past week end here returned to school Monday. They enjoyed Firemen's dance in Grass Valley while here.

Fred Zanocco, who has been in service at Fort Baker in the bay region has been discharged from the military forces and arrived home Wednesday. He has raised cattle in this section for several years and was associated with "Pike" Solaro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nye of Nile street have as a guest Mrs. Nye's sister, Mrs. Grace Antrobus of Huston, Texas, who arrived Saturday. On Saturday their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nye of Wells, Nevada arrived to remain until Sunday. He has been sent to Elko, Nevada by his company. Mr. Ralph Nye is druggist at Harris' Drug Store.

HELD FOR INVESTIGATION

Byron Lee Hazel, apprehended in Truckee Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Thomas Dolley, and held for investigation by the FBI because he failed to produce a Selective Service registration card, will be placed in the custody of the United States marshall at Sacramento, following advice by the FBI.

According to the Deputy Sheriff, William Woods, Hazel insisted he had lost his card. He has moved around the country, Woods states, with apparently no attempt to keep his draft board informed of his address. He has recently been in Las Vegas, Nevada, Hollywood and Los Angeles.

Chicken feathers can be used to make a substitute for industrial glue according to the Regional Research Laboratory at Albany.

The first Chinese in San Francisco was a cabin boy on the trading ship Bolivar which dropped anchor in 1838.

California's black walnut trees which have outlived their bearing days are being used by the government for the manufacture of gunstocks.

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YOUR VICTORY GARDEN

By L. B. LAGESON
Agricultural Commissioner

THE CULTURE OF BEANS

The bean crop stands at the head of the list in importance for the city garden, especially from the standpoint of producing a large quantity of food quickly on a limited space. The food value of the bean, in all forms, is also very high, and it may be grown under a wide range of conditions.

String beans, or snap beans in bush form, are the most popular for planting in the small garden. The seed should not be planted until the ground is fairly warm and the danger of frost is safely passed. Stringless Green, Pod, Bountiful, Pencil, Pod Black Wax and Brittle Wax are some good early varieties of bush beans. Where space is limited the bush varieties can be planted in rows 24 inches apart with the plants 3 to 4 inches apart in the row. Three or even four plantings at intervals of two or three weeks should be made in order to insure a continuous supply. Pole or climbing beans should be planted in every garden where space will permit. The variety known as Kentucky Wonder produces a plentiful supply that can be eaten pod and all while they are tender, as shelled beans when more mature, and as dry beans after they ripen.

Henderson Bush and Ford hook Bush Lima are among the leading bush varieties, while King of the Garden, Early Leviathan and Carpenteria are leading pole lima beans.

Lima beans require a richer soil than string or snap beans, and the seed should not be planted until the ground is quite warm, fully a week later than snap beans. All beans should be planted comparatively shallow, especially on clay or heavy soils. On light or sandy soils beans may be covered from 1 1-4 to 2 inches. Beans will not start well if planted in wet soil or if covered to deeply.

In case more beans are grown than are required for summer use, the young, tender pods may be canned for winter. Any beans that become too old for immediate use should be allowed to ripen and be saved for planting next season or for cooking as dry beans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Garrison motored to Sacramento Tuesday with their son, Rex Garrison, who has enlisted in the navy and received his call to come to Sacramento. He will proceed to San Francisco and go on to Farragut, Idaho, to the training station.

POOLING URGED TO ASSURE WOOD SUPPLY IN 1943

To the residents of this part of the state who customarily burn wood, it is not too early to begin looking for next year's supply, states Forest Supervisor, Guerdon Ellis.

While the fuel wood situation is not expected to be critical, the demand unquestionably will be difficult to meet. Last year many households who withheld placing orders until cold weather, set in, were unable to secure their suplies except by paying exorbitant prices to so-called black markets.

There is no reason to expect that supplies will be greater this year, Ellis said. To the contrary there is less labor available for cutting and hauling wood and serviceable trucks needed to haul product over rough mountain roads are scarce. Natural gas, fuel oil, and coal users may find these sources of heat not so abundant this year. The whole picture points toward a shortage of fuel wood supplies for '43 and '44.

In the nearby mountain communities neighbors are planning to meet the situation by pooling their wood gathering activities, each individual contributing his share of th work. An axeman will find his ability used in felling trees, the sawyer will buck the logs, the stouter children will split wood and load trucks and the womenfolks will provide tasty delicacies. Still others will transport the finished product to the homes.

The Tahoe National Forest will assist these far sighted folk by furnishing abundant supplies of fuel timber, both dead and green, at the nominal sum of 25c per cord. Wood operators desiring fuel timber for resale will be charged 50c per cord for the standing trees.

Every effort will be made by the federal forest service to provide adequate wood supplies, stated the forest official.

GUESTS FROM SISKIYOU

Walda Smith, county clerk of Siskiyou county and wife and two daughters, Rowena and Shirley, drove up from Sacramento Monday to spend the day with Mrs. Ida Guenther and other family members. Mr. Smith had been attending the county clerks convention in Sacramento. His sister, Mrs. Charles Guenther, also of Yreka, Siskiyou county who had made a surprise visit here to her mother in law and daughter, Miss Charlotte Gueneher, returned home with him. Smith's two daughters are telephone operators in Sacramento.

GARDEN CLUB TO ATTEND CHICO MEETING MARCH 2

The Nevada City Garden club is one of eight clubs in Superior California invited to attend a district conference in Chico, next Tuesday, March 2nd, at 10:45 a. m. The Chico Horticultural Society will be the hostess club.

The group will meet at the home of Mrs. A. H. Sanborn in Chico who will show the party through her splendid dafodill garden. A visit will also be made to the Lindo nursery to view a fine collection of camelias in bloom.

Mrs. Paul Kemper, president of the local club, urges all members who can do so to make the trip and asks them to phone her for reservations before Saturday. She states that the local club is asked to make a report on victory gardens among members and school children last year. Victory gardens will be one of the chief topics of discussion in the Chico conference.

TAHOE FOREST SUPPLY 168,000 VENISON POUNDS

Fred P. Cronemiller, assistant regional forester in charge of grazing and wildlife for California forests, reports to the officials of the Tahoe National Forest that wild game is being given a surprisingly important place in the country's economy.

Cronemiller calls attention to the fact that the normal game animal harvest of the country produces sufficient meat to feed the entire nation for week and that must be kept static in order to prevent damage to agricultural war crops. The use of the national forests for hunting and fishing therefore takes on added significance. Such diversion may now be considered beneficial to the war effort as well as of recreational value.

The thousands of fishermen and hunters who normally come to the Tahoe forest need have no qualms of conscience in saving their gasoline and rubber for such trips because they contributed last year by actual count 1400 deer of an average weight of 120 pounds, or 168,000 pounds of meat. There is no accurate estimate of the pounds of fish, but if we are to believe the fishermen most of them came out with limits in pounds of fish. The hunting effort last fall was about 75 per cent of that for 1941 with a success ratio of only 57 per cent of the 1941 season.

GOES TO SHIPYARDS

Miss Azalia Burns, who is leaving March first to enter war work at Albany, spent the past week end holiday in Reno and Verdi visiting friends. She was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Helen Sawyer and daughter, Mrs. Elbridge Skeahan. Miss Burns expects to go to work in the ship yards and the best wishes of a wide cricle of friends go with her.

CHARLES BEAGLE PASSES

Charles Miller Beagle passed away yesterday at noon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Hanks at 118 Cottage street. Mr. Beagle who had lived in this city for the past twelve years, was born in Illinois on February 10, 1857, and followed farming in his native state for many years. He was a widower.

The body is at the Holmes Funeral Home and will be shipped to Manton, near Red Bluff upon word from relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller of Pasadena spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Osborne at their home on the Ridge Road.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

BY TOPPS

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ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE TREES IS THE COCONUT PALM. IT HAS OVER 1,000 USES
"LUNCH" AND "NUNCHEON" TWO ANGLO-SAXON WORDS GAVE US OUR WORD "LUNCHEON"— NUNCHEON WAS THE NOONTIME BEVERAGE; "LUNCH" A PIECE OF BREAD

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AT THE STATE CAPITOL

It is unusual for a state administration and a legislature to find itself in the position of having so much money on hand that it hardly knows which way to turn. However, that is just about the position now confronting the present administration and the legislators.

As the writer looks back to two and four years ago, the legislature and administration then in power, was confronted with an exactly reverse situation. The state was millions of dollars in the red and the legislature was confronted with a program of relief and spending which would, had it been approved, have placed the state deeper in the red.

Now, due to the legislatures policy of two and four years ago plus the war, the state has a surplus at present of more than $76,000,000 and it is even predicted that the surplus will reach $228,000,000.

So the problem now is not one of having to economize because of a deficit but one of economy and wise judgment in the spending of what is absolutely necessary during the next two years.

Governor Warren in a recent address warned that the increasing surplus is largely due to the war, the result of an abnormal situation. The governor added that California cannot burn the candle at both ends—can't spend the money unwisely and still plan for a possible depression after the war.

With the governor's statement, most legislators will agree. Like the governor, the legislature is desirous of earmarking or emergencies a large part of the present surplus.

Legislation has been introduced for the lowering of state taxes, including the sales tax and the income tax. Some reductions will probably be made. Several tax reduction bills would exempt from the sales tax such items as meals sold at restaurants and drugs and medicines. Other bills would exempt persons with incomes up to $3,000 from the state tax.

The states finances and taxation problems will be given most thorough consideration by the legislature.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sexagesima Sunday — 9:45 a. m. Sunday School. 11:00 a. m. Morning prayer with sermon by the rector. Mrs. Carl Libbey, choir director. Mrs. Fred Anderson, organist. On Monday evening, March 1st, a vestry meeting will be held at the rectory. All vestrymen are asked to attend.

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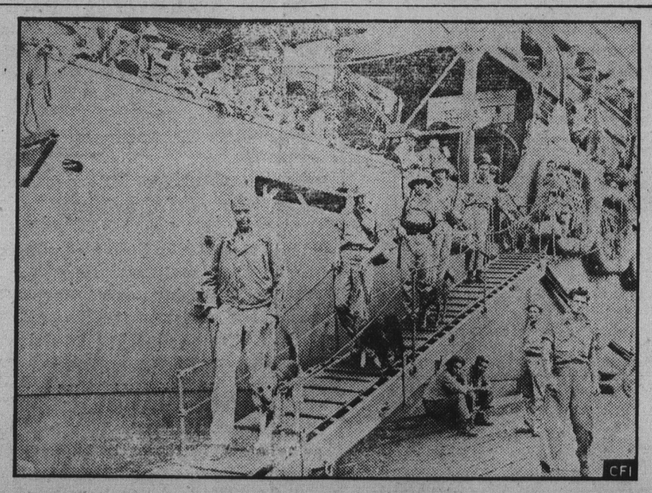

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